

# Public Works Committee of the Town of Amherst

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2010

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Conference Room, Department of Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with Steve Braun in the chair. Also present: Donald George, Charles Moran, Mike Cann and Gilford Mooring, Superintendent of Public Works.

## 1. Administration

- a. Motion made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2010.
- b. Next meeting set for October 12, 2010.

## 2. Project updates from Mr. Mooring

- a. The roundabout at the intersection of North Pleasant Street and Eastman Lane is complete and seems to be working well, with only two minor accidents reported so far.
- b. The re-paving of route 116 by Palmer Paving is complete.
- c. The top course of paving on the north end of Stony Hill Road should be done by the end of this week.
- d. The work on Sand Hill Road, as approved, should be started shortly.
- e. The relocation of utilities on Spring Street, between Boltwood and Churchill continues, with provisions for under ground cable utilities being done.

## 3. Old Business

- a. Motion made and seconded to recommend to the Select Board changes at the entrance to Big Y at University Drive as shown on Plans dated July, 2010. Approved 4-0-0.

## 4. New Business

- a. Mr. Mooring presented an updated list of town streets, sorted by condition and need for repair. There was some explanation by Mr. Mooring as to the meaning of some of the numbers. Page one of the list includes, (highlighted in yellow), the list of projects that

could be included in a package of road repairs funded through a Town bond issue, amounting to approximately \$2,600,000.00. Since the relative condition of all streets is constantly being updated, the list should not be considered final. Motion made and seconded to accept and recommend the proposed street repair list to the JCPC and the Select Board for inclusion on the warrant for the Fall Town Meeting. Approved 4-0-0. Copy of the list enclosed.

- b. Mr. Mooring described the work to be done under the Community Development Block Grant project to repair Main Street between Churchill Street and Northeast Street. In addition to repaving the road, there will be repair to side walks, construction of bus pullouts and construction of crosswalks. The total cost, including the bus pullouts and crosswalks is estimated at about \$700,000. Motion made and seconded to accept this project. Approved 4-0-0.
- c. Mr. Mooring presented a preliminary plan for the next phase of the Lincoln Avenue-Fearing Street traffic calming study. There would be barriers placed at the entrances to two University Parking lots at Lincoln Avenue and at North Hadley Road. This would be done this fall, for about two months and new traffic counts conducted. Since this plan has not yet been presented to the new Town Manager nor the Select Board, the Committee declined to take action at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Donald George, Sec'y pro tem.